

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-18, 20, and 22-26 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bates* and further in view of *Hill*. Claims 8, 10, 19, and 21 are rejected under 365 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bates* and *Hill* and further in view of *Trcka*.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to recite that the scan log stores limited data relating to the identity of the end-user computer or the end user. The claim now recites that the scan log includes a virus name and the geographical location of end-user computer, such as country or city. No other data relating to the identity of the end-user computer is transmitted in the scan log.

The *Hill* reference does not teach or suggest, alone or in combination with the other references, that scan log data generated on the client end-user computer is limited to general information about the virus (specifically, virus name) and the geographic location of the computer, and does not include any other information about the identity of the end user or the computer. This is done intentionally to maintain privacy. (See page 12, bottom, to page 13 of the specification).

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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